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In late March 1955, the deputy chief of the Central Bureau for Statistics in East Berlin, Helmut Rauch, and the chief of Main Department I, coordination, Mewes (fnu),<sup>1</sup> left for a three-week stay at Moscow in order to participate in trade negotiations between the GDR and the USSR.

Comment. The above mentioned Mewes is believed to be Martin Mewis. According to previous information, Helmut Michael has been believed to be the chief of Main Department I (HA I), coordination, of the Central Bureau for Statistics.

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